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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADP Control Officers

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Chief, Systems Development Division/ODP

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Chief, Information Center
Services Branch/SDD/ODP

SUBJECT: Office of Data Processing's Information
Center

1. The Office of Data Processing (ODP) is pleased to announce the opening of the ODP Information Center on 24 January 1983. The Information Center has been designed to help ODP customers help themselves in developing and maintaining small, non-complex, computer applications. ODP has long recognized the need to establish an applications development service for the smaller applications which avoids the lengthy backlog delay awaiting resources. With today's customers rapidly becoming more computer-oriented, coupled with the advances in end-user application development tools, small applications can be developed and maintained by our customers with some technical assistance and guidance by ODP and ADP professionals.

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2. The Information Center will be located in 2E02 and will initially provide the following services:

o   Direction and assistance in developing small computer applications for ODP Central Services and the WANG Alliance System

o   Demonstrations of applications development tools, including VM/CMS, BASIC, PL/1, INFO, RAMIS, TELL-A-GRAF/DISSPLA, and CUE-CHART.

o   Recommend applications software solutions to users for data processing problems.

o   Future plans call for providing services for the following applications development tools. Notices will be forthcoming when support is available for these tools.

o   Personal computers - (Apple III, DEC Rainbow, and IBM)

o   Applications generators - (NOMAD2)

o   Mini computers - (PDP 11/34)

o   Analytic graphics - (TACK)

o   Data base management systems - (dBASE II, VSE)

3.   Computer applications must have one or more of the following characteristics for consideration by the Information Center:

o   Small in scope

o   Limited number of users

o   No interfaces with other major applications

o   Customer personnel with some ADP training and/or experience

4.   To request assistance from the Information Center submit a Form 930. For more information or questions concerning the Information Center, contact me on extension

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